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Middle School Baseball & Softball State Championships

“Giving Young Athletes A Chance to Compete”

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Dear Head Baseball & Softball Coaches

PLEASE Assist us in passing this information down to your middle school or club coaches.

The purpose of this letter is to give your middle school or club team information on the middle school baseball and softball state championships. To qualify for the state championships you will have to compete in a regional.

The regional tournament game would be part of the regular middle school or club season and count as 2 games on the team's schedule. It is **important** that your middle school AD be made aware of this so he can discuss scheduling this event with you. There will be regional's through out the state. The format is as follows:

- a) Each regional will have 8 teams competing in a bracket style tournament (two 4 team brackets). The regions will consist of northeast, northwest, southwest and central Ohio. If you live outside of one of those regions then you may compete in one of the other regions.
- b) Two teams from each region will move to the state finals.
- c) Each team will be guaranteed 2 games at the regionals and 2 games at the state championships.
- d) There will be 3 divisions and your division is based off of what division your high school team is. However, if your high school team is division IV you will need to compete in DIII.
- e) The regional games will take place sometime in May and the state finals will be played on June 5th and 6th. Please check the website for your regional sites and dates.
- f) We will cross brackets in the finals so will not see the any team from your region until the finals.
- g) For 2010 we will not have a separate division for 7th graders but in 2011 we plan to offer a 7th grade and 8th grade division. However, you can have 7th graders play on your 8th grade team.
- h) The cost will be \$200.00 per team and you will be guaranteed 2 games. There will no additional cost if you qualify for the state championships.**
- i) Trophies and state medals will be awarded to first – third place teams.

- j) If you are a club team and you have athletes from different schools then you will have to compete in one division higher than your normal division. Any questions please email us.

***While the regionals are part of the regular season the State Championships are not. The State Championships will be played after June 1st and all teams will be considered club teams after that point, and the 10 contact days would apply for all coaches.**

***If baseball or softball is not a school sponsored sport at the middle school level then they would not fall under any OHSAA restriction.**

REGIONAL HOSTS:

*If you are interested in being a regional host site for either softball or baseball please email us ASAP.

*Host sites will receive \$90 per team to pay for all officials and will get all the prepaid admission fee of \$125.00 per team (8 teams \$1,000.00) and all concessions, so this will be a great fundraiser for your club or program.

Any questions can be answered by contacting the MSAA by email championships@middleschoolsports.org or phone 419-605-5967.

I thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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